

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 30/01/2024 12:31 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address: The Amazon And Tiger Harvel Street Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0DE

Proposal: Change of use to C3 dwellinghouse.

Case Officer: Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I strongly object to the change of use from a business to a residential dwelling. I have lived in Culverstone Valley for nearly 20 years and before viewing our home, we sat in the Amazon & Tiger and enjoyed a nice roast and a pint. Knowing that there was a decent pub within walking distance was a real selling point to being in an otherwise quite semi-rural, more remote location. Over the years we have got to know a wide range and number of people from the Amazon and it was a great focal point to meet, drink and eat on occasions. In the summer, with the cricket green at the back it was really nice to sit outside with friends too. It's really galling to read that the owners felt that the pub wasn't supported in the community. It was quite the opposite! The landlord often seemed to complain about having to serve customers or conveniently disappeared when quite busy. Yes, there were other events occasionally in Harvel but these were often charity events, which hardly count as rival businesses. It seemed quite obvious the owners were 'running down' the business as part of their game plan. It's reasonable to want to retire but totally unnecessary to deliberately strip the community of its best, most public, meeting point. The owners do not intend to remain in Harvel and live in the property and so it's clearly a financial decision to maximise their profits. If it was originally bought as a residential property then the situation would be different, but historically it was a business, so should be sold as a business. As patrons of the Amazon stretched quite a distance around the area we rarely get to meet up with fellow residents as we did as there is no suitable alternative. The one other pub in Vigo is too far to walk to in comparison (especially for those friends in Harvel) and it simply doesn't have the same atmosphere. Socially, Culverstone and Harvel have lost a great asset as it stands. The owners should at least try to open up the opportunity for new owners to take it on as a pub, instead of flatly dismissing the idea. The way the pub's interior has already been stripped back before gaining permission however, supports the argument that sadly, the owners have wanted to maximise their profit by change of use all along.

Kind regards